

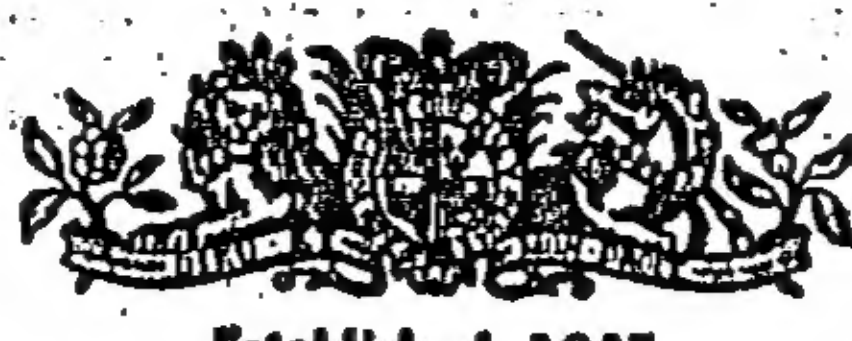
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**COMMENT OF THE DAY**

**The Govt Rep'ies**

GOVERNMENT'S replies made yesterday to the Unofficials' Budget criticisms and suggestions were benignly placating, and in some instances usefully informative. While no rash promises were made, the Government spokesmen went practically all the way in agreeing in principle with the several ideas advanced by the Unofficials aimed at giving the Colony improved services and amenities. Two of the most important statements related to future car parking facilities in the centre of the city, and the planned extension of Kai Tak airport. The Director of Public Works envisaged a car park below the future City Hall capable of facilitating four or five times the number of vehicles now being parked in Statue Square. Additionally he forecast a new overhead car park at the concourse to the vehicular ferry. These, it is true, are distant developments. Nevertheless there is satisfaction to be derived from the knowledge that a definite plan is under consideration which, when it eventuates, promises to bring substantial relief to the problem of car parking in the central area.

THE Colonial Secretary's prompt reply to Mr Cassidy's invitation to Government to make a statement on the extension of Kai Tak airport was the high spot of yesterday's speeches. Apparently useful progress has already been made towards fulfilment of a scheme which, when finalised, will immeasurably improve conditions for aircraft. The fact that the experts are not all agreed that the extended runways will be wholly adequate for jet passenger planes is somewhat disconcerting. The Kai Tak extension project is a costly one, and the Colony has yet to know how much of the cost it will have to bear. It is thus of prime importance that the completed project should not fall short of accepted standards for handling all future types of air liners. We do not want any repetition of Ping Shan, which scheme, after being in hand, had to be abandoned because the site was condemned by civil air experts as being inadequate. The new Kai Tak airport must, beyond all doubt, be sufficient to meet any demands made by aircraft.

**ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF DR ADENAUER Bomb In Parcel Kills Explosives Expert THREE GERMAN POLICE OFFICERS WOUNDED**

From DENIS MARTIN

Munich, Mar. 27.

Germany's new Nazis tonight tried to kill 76-year-old Federal Chancellor Dr Konrad Adenauer with a bomb wrapped in a brown paper parcel.

The bomb did not reach Dr Adenauer, but in the cellars of the Munich police headquarters—only a mile from the beer cellar of the famous Hitler putsch—it went off killing an explosives expert and gravely wounding three police officers. Within minutes of the explosion police chiefs throughout Western Germany were warned "Look out for books containing lethal explosives, addressed to leading members of the Government."

Police cars with seven screaming sirens raced through the crowded city streets to seal off the police headquarters.

Later, two boys told the Police President, Dr Ludwig Weissmann, a strange tale.

"On our way home to dinner," they said, "two men stopped us in the square right in the centre of the city. They asked us to post a parcel wrapped up in brown paper. It felt like books and it was addressed to Dr Adenauer in Bonn."

But the boys took the parcel to police headquarters. An explosives expert was immediately summoned. With three police officers he took the parcel into the "bomb cellar"—a room with cement walls nine feet thick.

A few minutes later there was a tremendous explosion.

Police spokesmen said tonight they believe the plot to originate from Germany's new Nazi groups. A Nazi rally is taking place in the city tonight and the chief speaker is one of General Ernst Otto Remer's "Gauleiters"—Dr Fritz Doris—London Express Service.

**IGNITER IN BOOK**

Reuter reports that in the parcel had been a book with an igniter which was set off by opening the wrapping, he added. The cellar of the police headquarters was completely shattered.

The police said they believed that the boys' suspicions were aroused because they remembered the parcel bomb outrages in North Germany last November, in which two people were killed.

The fire brigade expert, Karl Reichert, answered the police summons although he was suffering from influenza. He put the parcel on a table in the

**The Victim Who Escaped**



DR KONRAD ADENAUER

cellar. Before starting to open it he told all others in the room to leave and close the iron door behind them.

The bomb apparently went off too quickly, for the policemen and two Munich newspaper reporters were also injured.

First eyewitness reports said that several people were carried away in stretchers.

Dr Weissmann has imposed a news blackout pending enquiries into the cause of the explosion. The area was cordoned off and all available police squads were called to the scene.—Reuter.

**EXPRESSES REGRET**

According to United Press when Dr Adenauer left the villa of President Theodor Heuss later tonight, he expressed deep regret and said, "I will do what I can for the injured."

The police described the parcel as 12 inches long, nine wide and eight deep, tied with heavy cord and wrapped in brown paper. The name of the sender as written on it was Professor Berghof of Frankfurt.

The Chancellor was away in Bonn, where he met the three Allied High Commissioners earlier today. He later left his office for dinner at the home of President Theodor Heuss.

This is the first known attempt on Dr Adenauer's life. A Bremen newspaper publisher and a girl were killed recently by mailed bombs in North Germany. A disgruntled job-seeker is awaiting trial on the charge of posting them.—United Press.

**Snowfalls In Europe**

London, Mar. 27.

Snowfalls were reported in scattered areas of Europe today.

In Copenhagen, 10 degrees Fahrenheit of frost were registered in the Town Hall Square this morning due to icy air blown in from the White Sea.

But in Holland bulb fields began to burst into vivid colour in sunshine which displaced yesterday's snow showers.

Austria had heavy snowfalls last night. The waters of the river Danube rose but there was no acute danger of flooding.

On the Arlberg road an Austrian bus and a French car were buried by an avalanche while the drivers tried to clear the road. A woman in the French car was rescued through one of the windows. Both vehicles were dug out later by 80 French Alpine Chasseurs holding manoeuvres in the district.

An American helicopter today flew rice supplies to 1,400 half-starved villagers cut off by late winter snows on the northern Japanese mainland.

The villagers had been without food for several days.—Reuter.

**Honeymooners Stranded**

Isle of Wight, Mar. 27.

A London honeymoon couple staying in the Isle of Wight were stranded all night on a cliff face in heavy rain after being cut off by a rising tide.

The couple, Mr and Mrs David J. Budd, of Camrose Avenue, Edgware, had set out to walk along the beach from Alum Bay to Totland. After struggling through treacherous clay, they had to seek refuge from the tide on the cliffs until five o'clock in the morning.

As their landlady had gone to bed early they were not missed and no search party was sent out.—Reuter.

**Spy Is Allowed To Escape**

American Action

Bonn, Mar. 27.

American officials disclosed today they let an accused German double agent leave Germany—to escape West German authorities who charge that he sold his fellow countrymen into Russian captivity.

He is Hans Kemnitz, subject of a long and bitter dispute between the Americans and Germans.

A former German Intelligence officer, Kemnitz served as an agent for both the Americans and the Russians in Berlin after the war. The Americans took him into protective custody after a Berlin court ruled in favour of a German woman who charged that Kemnitz had betrayed her husband into Soviet captivity—and eventually death in prison.

**BITTER PROTESTS**

Against loud and bitter German protests, the Americans forced the Berlin court to set aside its verdict. A mixed American-German Commission was to investigate the case but met only a few times and never issued a formal report.

The affair was presumed to be still under investigation when an American spokesman announced today:

"We have informed the Germans that, after considering all aspects of the case, we have permitted Kemnitz to leave Germany."

"We haven't told them where he has gone and we are not telling anybody else."

"As far as the Americans are concerned, the case is now closed."

The American spokesman predicted, however, that there probably would be violent protests in the German Parliament when Kemnitz's departure becomes known.

Since they also had used Kemnitz as an agent, the Americans apparently felt they couldn't let him be subjected to unrestricted German retaliation.—Associated Press.

**Eisenhower To Resign?**

Paris, Mar. 27.

General Dwight Eisenhower plans to announce resignation from his post as SHAPE Commander-in-Chief about April 2, well informed sources said here tonight.

The general will make the announcement either the day he submits the first annual report on the state of the European defence or shortly afterwards, it was added.

This report is expected to be published on April 2.

Since General Eisenhower's successor is not expected to be named until about six weeks after the general announced his resignation, Eisenhower will probably remain at his post until the second half of May, it was said.

The Atlantic Council would in that case meet about June 1 to choose a new Commander, these sources pointed out.

It was added that General Eisenhower's successor would undoubtedly be an American.—France-Press.

**Tory Govt. Makes Concession Tones Down Health Service Charges**

London, Mar. 27.

The Conservative Government today placated a section of its own backbenchers by toning down proposed charges under the hitherto almost free-State health service.

The Government, which is engaged in a drastic economy drive, had announced that it intended to make the public pay up to £1 for dental treatment. The only exceptions would be nursing mothers, children up to 16 years and very needy people.

**GOLD RUSH FEVER IN AUSTRALIA**

Wedderburn, Mar. 27.

Gold rush fever has again gripped this normally drowsy little farming town, where a farmer dug up £A25,000 worth of gold in his backyard two years ago.

He Hall, aged 58, said he found a 27-ounce gold nugget worth about £A450 only a few inches below the surface—and just opposite to Farmer Dave Butterick's famed backyard.

Since Hall broke the news other hopefuls, with their eyes glued to the ground, walk the streets, kicking at stones and looking for glint.

Hall quickly put the nugget in his pocket, went to the local tavern and had a few rounds of drinks with the boys. He did not say a word until he had formally pegged his claim.

Wedderburn had been returning to its usual tranquillity since the glided dreams of the "big rush of 1950" had regrettably grown tarnished.

After the news broke of Butterick's backyard fortune—which he had kept a closely guarded secret for 18 months—the town was besieged by fortune-seeking folk, sightseers, photographers and reporters.

Streets and back gardens were dug up, shafts sunk and little more gold was unearthed.

Experts warned that the field under the town had been thoroughly worked over around 1895 but the residents remained convinced that beneath the town's main street ran an untouched gold reef worth millions.—Reuter.

**New French Offensive In Indo-China**

Hanoi, Mar. 27.

French Headquarters announced today that the offensive launched against Communist rebels two days ago in central Vietnam has been completed and that French Union troops are "mopping up" the area west of a point some 20 miles from Hue, the capital of Central Annam, 380 miles north of Saigon.

The Headquarters said that the operation consisted of an amphibious landing covered by heavy fire from the French cruiser "Le Malin" and several battalions of airborne troops flown in from garrisons in Tonkin.

The most important battle in this attack, French headquarters said, took place yesterday when French Union troops engaged elements of the crack 101st Vietnamese Regiment along the coastal area near Hue.

According to military sources some 50 rebels were killed and 200 wounded. A number of prisoners were taken.

France-Vietnam losses were reported to be two killed and 14 wounded.

The announcement from French Headquarters said that fighter planes based on the French aircraft carrier "Arromanches", cruising off the coast of Annam, yesterday effected 38 sorties, plastering the Reds with high explosive bombs and napalm to "soften" resistance for amphibious and airborne landings.—United Press.

**Never Again To Be Chief**

London, Mar. 27.

The House of Commons, by 308 votes to 286, today approved the British Government's decision to exclude Seretse Khama permanently from chieftainship of the Bamangwate tribe in Bechuanaland.

It defeated a Labour (Opposition) motion criticising the Government's policy.

Liberals joined the Labour Party in today's voting.—Reuter.

**Japan's Budget Approved**

Tokyo, Mar. 27.

Japan's 1952-53 Budget was adopted today despite sharp opposition to costs under the heading of defence, which had been linked with the possibility of rearmament.

Political sources here considered the passage of the Budget, which will cover Japan's first post-occupation year after the ratification of the peace treaty, as a major Government victory.

The Budget of 852,700 million yen (£852,700,000) includes 65,000 million yen (£65 million) for joint defence expenses with the United States and 59,000 million yen (£59 million) for national security.

The Prime Minister, Mr Shigeru Yoshida, defended the latter item as being for "self-defence" units and not rearmament.

The Government, however, will have to face further stiff opposition when they present new legislation to replace the Occupation ordinances, local newspapers predicted today.

It was said that the main criticism will be directed against a "bill" to prevent subversive activities which the Government are to present to the Diet almost immediately.—Reuter.

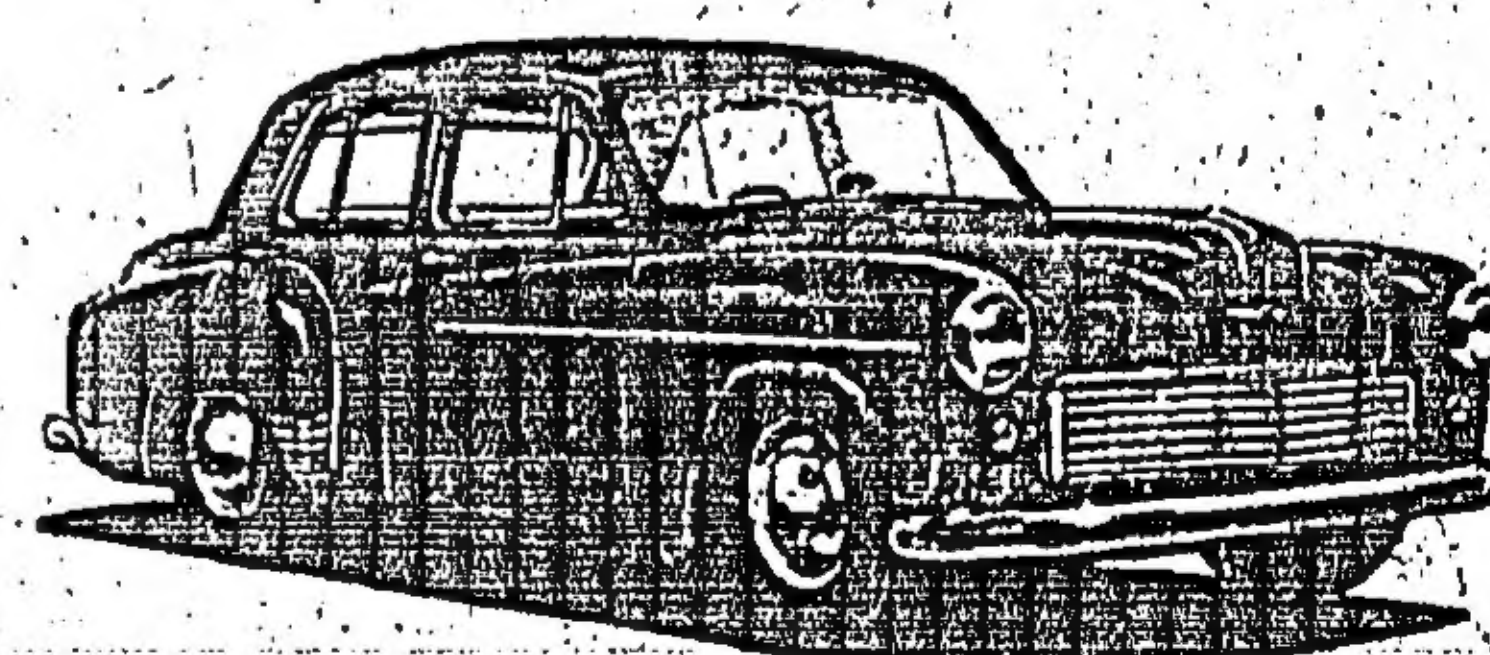
**GOOD PROGRESS**

London, Mar. 27.

A girl whose lungs were so small that she could not cry when she was born 13 weeks too soon 37 days ago, is making good progress in a Bristol maternity home.

The baby, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hens Green of Redland, Bristol, weighed 1 lb. 13 oz. at birth and now weighs 2 lbs. 10 oz.—Reuter.

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## London Losing A Landmark

London, Mar. 27.—The end of London's oldest tram route and last of the all-night tram services takes place on Saturday, April 5, with the closing down of the Kingsway tram subway. This will be the final passing of the last tram from North London and marks the end of London Transport's two-year plan to replace all trams by buses. Thirty more miles of tram routes will disappear.—Reuter.

## Youthful Premier Sworn In

Colombo, Mar. 27.—Cambridge-educated cricket-loving Dudley Senanayake, 41, was sworn in last night as Prime Minister of Ceylon. He took over the mantle of his father, Don Stephen Senanayake, who died last Saturday after a fall from a bolting horse.

The new Prime Minister is one of the youngest in the British Commonwealth. He is popularly regarded here as this tiny Dominion's most eligible bachelor. His personal political views lean towards Fabian Socialism. He now leads the powerful United National Party which is a bitter foe of Communism.

Mr. Senanayake has been Minister of Agriculture for the past five years.

The young leader was loath to take over the Premiership and only did so after extreme pressure was brought on him by members of his party and key industrial and business representatives.

Mr. Senanayake had promised to support Sir John Kotelawala, Transport Minister and nephew of the late Premier, for the top post. However, these moves compelled him to take on the job himself with Sir John's consent and support. Industries Minister G. G. Ponnambalam threatened to resign. Six leading Parliamentarians representing planning and business interests informed the Governor-General that they preferred the late Premier's son to lead Ceylon. Nineteen backbenchers in Parliament threatened to quit unless Dudley Senanayake took over.

Mr. Senanayake then consented to take over the leadership and immediately called on Sir John, who agreed to return to the Cabinet in his old post as Transport Minister.—Associated Press.

## Queen To Honour Grenadiers

London, Mar. 27.—The Queen is to present her company colour, the Royal Standard of the Regiment, to the Queen's Company, 1st Battalion Grenadier Guards, formerly the King's Company. Made of crimson silk, it sways the Queen's final approval of the Royal cypher. The presentation will probably take place privately at Buckingham Palace. Special regulations govern the flying of the Standard. It is carried only when the Regiment is on ceremonial duties in the presence of the Queen. When the Battalion provides a guard of honour it will be the Queen's Company and the Standard will be carried. The Duke of Gloucester will present new colours to the 1st Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief, at Gloucester on April 26.

On April 27 the Duke, accompanied by the Duchess, will attend a service in Gloucester Cathedral in thanksgiving for the return from Korea of the 1st Battalion, and will unveil a War Memorial Chapel.—Reuter.

## Pilgrimage During The Eclipse



An elderly Hindu sings to the accompaniment of drums at the pilgrimage to bathe in the River Hooghly, Calcutta, during the eclipse of the sun. Others made a pilgrimage to various pools which Hindus believe were sanctified by Nahrma, the Creator, joining in mass demonstrations of piety while the Sun God fought and won the two-hour battle with the demon Rahu.—Express Service.

## US Planning Expansion In Japan's Trade With Asia

Washington, Mar. 27.

The Mutual Security Agency reported to Congress today that the \$258,000,000 requested for the 1953 mutual security programme for the Far East will benefit Japan by enlarging its trade with South-East Asia.

It pointed out that this aid will stimulate shipments of raw materials to Japan and enlarge markets for Japanese production throughout the area.

The Mutual Security Agency urged Congress to appropriate \$24,000,000 for aid to the Philippines in the fiscal year 1953 because the Republic is of major political, strategic and commercial importance to the United States.

It also proposed to Congress to spend \$15,000,000 to aid the Nationalist Chinese.

Of this total \$35,000,000 would be for direct military support, \$49,375,000 would be for economic support commodities and \$30,625,000 would be for various other programmes.

The Agency asked for \$85,000,000 to provide aid to Indo-China. The MSA said that the programme would provide \$35,000,000 for direct military support and \$50,000,000 for economic aid.

The Agency asked Congress for \$8,000,000 for Indonesia. JAPANESE TRADE

The Agency submitted plans to Congress detailing the Far Eastern part of the \$7,900,000,000 global aid programme for the 1953 fiscal year.

In addition to helping the South-East Asian area to resist Communism the MSA said that the programme will help expand Japan's trade with the six recipient countries—Indonesia, Indo-China, the Philippines, Burma, Thailand and Formosa.

It said: "Expansion of trade between these countries and Japan would be mutually beneficial, bringing Japan raw materials for its industrial economy and bringing countries of South-East Asia not only manufactured consumer goods but also capital goods to help them diversify and industrialise economies."

The plans also indicated the importance of Japan in supplying commodities provided under the Far Eastern aid programme. Between June 1, 1950, and December 31, 1951, it said that Japan supplied 11 per cent of the goods procured for the area.

In this respect Japan was second only to the United States which supplied 80 per cent. Four per cent came from West Europe and five per cent from other areas.

BASIC MATERIALS

The Agency gave no indication as to how much of the 1953 procurements will come from Japan.

The whole of the South-East Asian area would be allocated \$238,000,000 compared with \$180,500,000 in the 1952 fiscal year. Burma would be allocated \$18,000,000 and Thailand \$7,000,000.

In addition the programme would include \$13,000,000 for a basic materials development fund.

This money would be used, the MSA said, to develop increased production of strategic materials for delivery to the

United States stockpile and for United States procurement. "The Far East is an area of crucial importance from the standpoint of the security of free and independent nations—the front line of defence against Communist aggression in Asia. Its location at the Pacific-Indian Ocean crossroads underscores its strategic significance. Communist aggression in part of this area is not merely a threat, it is an actuality."

The Agency confirmed officially, for the first time, that \$32,000,000 had been allocated to the Philippines in the coming year. It is the same total as the current fiscal year.

A breakdown, however, showed some changes of emphasis. Funds for public health increased from \$3,275,000 in 1952 to \$5,180,000 in 1953; agriculture, forestry and fisheries increased from \$10,465,000 to \$12,535,000; transportation, power and other public works reduced from \$9,055,000 to \$4,830,000; handicraft and manufacturing, mining and other industries increased from \$515,000 to \$775,000; education increased from \$900,000 to \$1,485,000; public administration increased from \$790,000 to \$990,000 and maintenance of excellent supply reduced from \$10,000,000 to \$6,000,000.—United Press.

REQUEST EXPLAINED

Washington, Mar. 27.—The Mutual Security Agency said today that assistance to Indo-China during this financial year was costing \$24,000,000.

In a pamphlet telling Americans the reason for American assistance to countries in South-East Asia the Agency said its aim was to defend Indo-China and to convert it into a stable and secure area friendly to the West.

"Economically, the aid programme seeks to increase production and offset the drain on the military," it added. "The Agency said, 'The danger in South-East Asia is that the people may succumb to Communist pressure when they see no hope in the present system and become convinced that any change can only be for the better.'"

On Indonesia the pamphlet said that the aid programme would cost \$8,000,000. Seventy-seven per cent of the total was being spent on projects of public health, agriculture, fisheries, forestry and education.

On Formosa it said that the island's economy could not bear the extra burdens of over 1,000,000 refugees and of the large armed forces there.—Reuter.

AID CRITICISED

Washington, Mar. 27.—Mr. William Bray (Republican, Indiana) today criticised the

proposal by the United States Ambassador to India, Mr. Chester Bowles, for a \$1,000,000,000 aid programme to India as ridiculous and impractical.

In a speech prepared for delivery in the House Mr. Bray described the proposal as "another plan in the big global programme of throwing American wealth into other countries in order to change their basic economy to one similar to ours."

As such, it was destined to fail and would do incalculable damage to India, he said.—Reuter.

## TEST-TUBE BABIES PREDICTED

New York, Mar. 27.—A Professor of Physiology predicted today that the time is coming when human beings can be made to order through test-tubes in the manner of breeding that is now being used on animals.

Dr. Ralph W. Gerard, of the University of Chicago, told a conference of executives of insurance companies that this breeding could be done through selected human parents who would give their eggs and sperm to a scientific laboratory. Conception would take place in a test tube. The fertilised egg would be planted in a foster mother and, according to the facts already discovered with animals, he said, the child would truly inherit the qualities of its test-tube parents.

The first human step has already been taken in artificial insemination. But Dr. Gerard predicted that it would be a long time before there would be made-to-order humans. He said that we might not want to, because they would be monotonously alike, or they might create castes.—Reuter.

## Israeli Flag In Vatican City

Vatican City, Mar. 27.—The Israeli flag appeared for the first time in Vatican City today on a limousine which bore Moshe Sharett, Israeli Foreign Minister, on a courtesy call to Pope Plus.

Mr. Sharett was accompanied by his wife and by Moshe Lohi, Israeli Minister to Rome. The private audience, which lasted about 15 minutes, was held in the Pontiff's private library.—Associated Press.

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## JAPANESE SECURITY MEASURES

Tokyo, Mar. 27. The Japanese Cabinet is expected to put the final stamp of approval tomorrow on three Government-sponsored measures aimed at controlling subversive activities in Japan.

The measures would replace the Organisations Control Ordinance sponsored by the Occupation and used to restrict the activities of Communists and ultra-Nationalist groups. Opposition parties have criticised the measures as duplications of the notorious pre-war peace preservation law which was used by the militarists to restrict all critical groups.

The major bill to be considered tomorrow is titled "A Bill to Prevent Subversive Activities."

The Attorney-General, Tokutomi Kimura, said today the measure was aimed at organisations which commit violent and subversive activities. Enforcement would be restricted to situations where there was reason to believe the groups might repeat such activities in the future.

Punitive measures include suspension of the movement of its publications for up to six months, banning group activities for officers and officials of such organisations, and forcible dissolution of the groups.

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Two related measures will be considered along with the anti-subversive bill. One would establish a public security investigation board—a Japanese version of the US Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The second bill would set up a five-man public security review commission to pass on the findings of the investigation board.

The investigating board and review commission would both be under the Attorney-General's office.

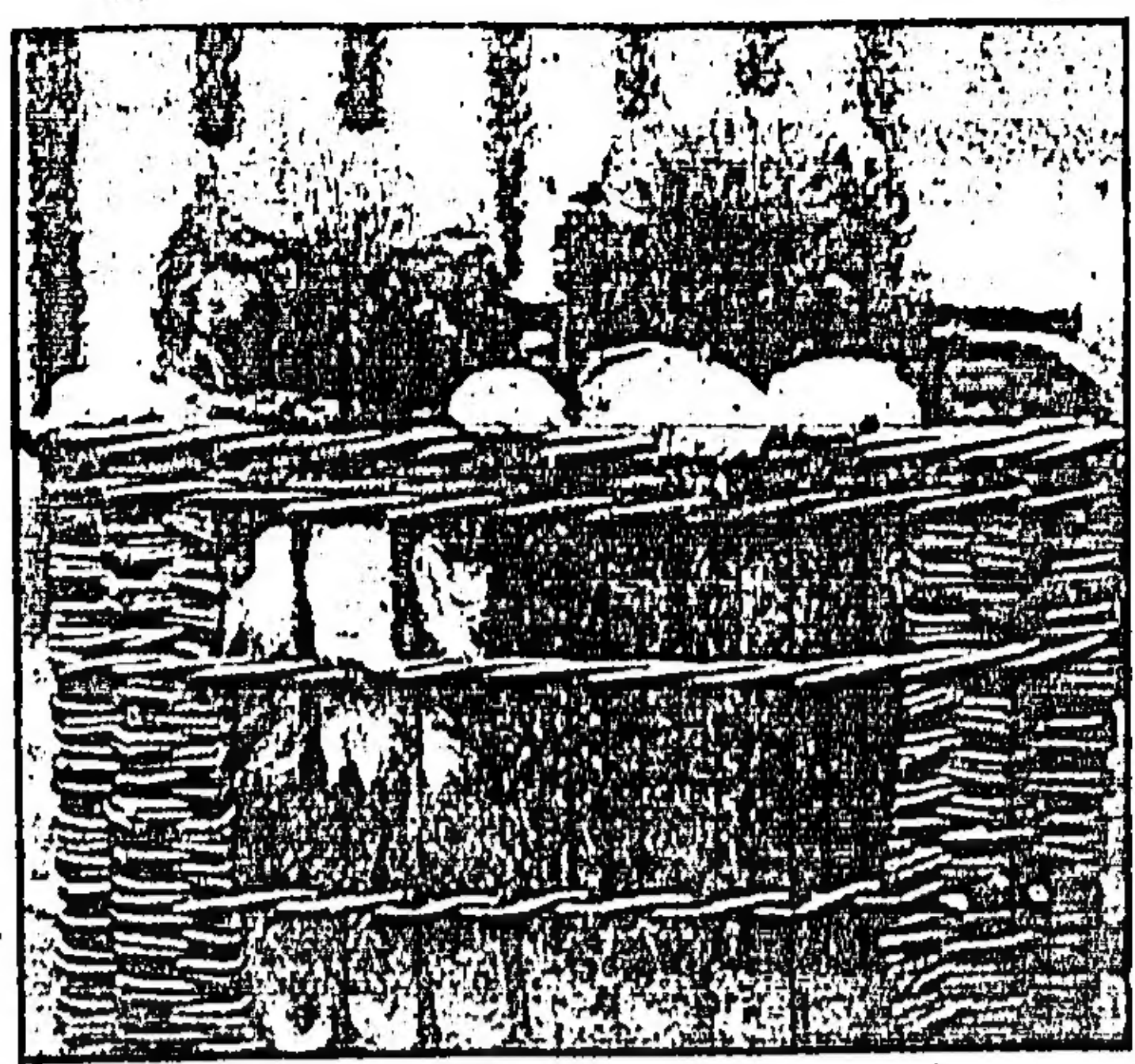
Mr. Kimura said the proposed laws would not be used to restrict basic freedoms. Particularly, he said, they would not be used to control the normal activities of the Press, labour and research organisations.

The three bills were approved by a Cabinet Vice-Ministers conference today.—Associated Press.

## Making Punishment Fit The Crime

Hagerstown, Md., Mar. 27. Juvenile Judge Evan Crossley believes in letting the punishment fit the crime. He found eight teen-agers guilty of stealing about 50 pigeons valued at \$300 from three bird raisers. As sentence he ordered them to clean the raided pigeon coops for six months. Judge Crossley said that if the teen-agers did not like the sentence they could serve time in the county jail.—United Press.

## STAND UP FOR THEIR RIGHTS



Fenced in, and apparently angry about it, are these two two-month-old Pekingese pups at the Welsh Pekingese Club's championship show. — Reuterphoto.

## Tariff-Free Farm Produce Market In Europe Planned

Paris, Mar. 27.

Representatives of 16 European nations attending the "green pool" conference here decided today to form a Working Committee to produce a plan for a single tariff-free market for European farm produce.

A full conference of all 16 nations will consider this draft plan between June and September.

A 10-nation sub-committee will decide on the exact tasks and composition of the Working Committee.

The conference also decided today that at their next meeting the "green pool" nations should discuss their relations with non-European countries and also how European non-member countries can be associated with their work.

The next full conference will also discuss in detail the powers of an organisation to control the single European market for agricultural products.

A preliminary conference today discussed the agenda of the full European agricultural conference to be held in Paris between June and September.

The conference will study the setting up of a single organisation uniting all Europe's farmers. Today's meeting decided that the conference should discuss: 1. The products to be put under a single marketing organisation.

## BRITISH POSITION

3.—Relations with countries outside the European agricultural community. This would include overseas countries such as the United States, as well as European countries such as Britain, which wish to have close links with the community without being full members of it.

The 10-nation sub-committee, composed of the representatives of France, West Germany, Austria, Belgium, Italy, Denmark, Britain, Holland, Greece and Turkey, was expected to suggest that all nations represented at the present conference should have delegates in the Working Committee.

It was understood that the main task of the Working Committee would be to ask interested nations for a list of the products which they would like brought under a single marketing organisation and to present the full conference with a co-ordinated picture of the different countries' wishes.

The full conference will establish close links with the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and will also ask the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation to send a representative to this discussion.

The preliminary conference will continue its work tomorrow.—Reuter.

## DECISIVE STEP

Paris, Mar. 27. The French Premier, M. Antoine Pinay, said tonight that the European coal and steel pool was "a decisive step towards the removal of century-old opposition between Germany and France."

"We will remove one of the greatest dangers to peace by carrying out this physical integration of France and Germany," M. Pinay told the Council of the Republic which was discussing the ratification of the coal and steel pool treaty.

The treaty has already been ratified by the National Assembly.

"Heavy industries which are at the base of war production and economic development will no longer be used as instruments of domination," M. Pinay said.

"As opposed to previous attempts, this is a lasting settlement of Franco-German relations, creating a material solidarity between the two countries. Putting the Schuman Plan into operation will assist other European arrangements, particularly the settlement of the Saar question."—Reuter.

## Envoy Sees Franco

Madrid, Mar. 27. The new United States Ambassador to Spain, Mr. Lincoln McVeigh, talked with General Franco for 20 minutes today following the ceremony of presenting his credentials. The Ambassador had a friendly reception from Madrid crowds as he drove through the town.—Reuter.

## Senator Taft Lashes Out At Fellow Republicans As 'Hybrid' Candidates Angered By 'Ike' Supporters

Madison, Wisconsin, Mar. 27.

Senator Robert A. Taft today branded Governor Earl Warren and Harold E. Stassen as "hybrid" candidates in the Wisconsin presidential primary on April 1.

Senator Taft reacted heatedly in a speech at Portage, Wisconsin, to the efforts of Mr. Warren and Mr. Stassen to pick up support from General Dwight D. Eisenhower's backers in the State.

Mr. Stassen last night took the bold step of handing over half his slate of 30 primary delegates to General Eisenhower, and pledged to vote for the General on the first ballot at the GOP national convention.

Senator Taft told his Portage audience:

"I can't see how anybody can vote for a hybrid candidate when they don't know what they are voting for."

The Ohio Republican brushed aside a barrage of questions on New Jersey's action in keeping his name in that State's primary on April 15.

Senator Taft had sought to withdraw and, in any case, told his New Jersey backers to drop his campaign there.

Meanwhile it is reported from St. Louis, Missouri, that the Post-Dispatch reported today that President Truman has promised Governor Adlai Stevenson of Illinois his support if Mr. Stevenson wants the Democratic nomination for President.

## "NOT INCLINED"

In a copyrighted story by the newspaper's chief Washington correspondent, Raymond P. Brandt, the Post-Dispatch said that Mr. Truman asked—Mr. Stevenson to become the Administration's candidate for the presidency.

Mr. Stevenson, the Post-Dispatch said, "is not inclined as of today to accept the President's proposal" but did not close the door in his talks with Mr. Truman shortly before the Chief Executive left for Key West, Florida.

Mr. Stevenson so far has said publicly that he is interested only in running for re-election as Governor. He has no opposition in the Democratic primary due on April 18.

The Post-Dispatch said that Mr. Truman had decided on Mr. Stevenson after talks with political leaders "as the strongest man for continuing the Administration's foreign policy and one who would be a unifying influence within the Democratic Party."

The newspaper said that the President asked Mr. Stevenson for a definite answer by April 12 or at the latest by May 15 when the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Convention meets in Chicago to pick committee officers.

## A DAMPER

However, Mr. Stevenson has himself put a damper on reports that he is a dark horse presidential candidate by declaring "I cannot seek and will not seek the Democratic nomination for President."

Mr. Stevenson, speaking in St. Louis tonight, did not elaborate on why he cannot seek the nomination but he repeated his oft-spoken statement that "I am a candidate for re-election as Governor of Illinois and for nothing else."

He added, "I am sure that the President understands my situation."

To his statement that he is only a candidate for Governor, Mr. Stevenson added, "I hope that is all that happens to me."

Only a few years ago Mr. Stevenson said, "This is the season when everyone has dreams of being in the White House—but I have no such dreams or visions."

Mr. Stevenson repeated his "I am a candidate for Governor" statement when asked about the St. Louis Post-Dispatch story that Mr. Truman had promised him his support if he wanted the presidential nomination.

## STORY REPUDIATED

From Denver comes the report tonight that Mrs. Dick McCusker had repudiated a copyrighted newspaper story that she had received a letter from Mrs. Eisenhower saying that the General would return to the United States within the next month.

Referring to a story which appeared in an early edition of the Rocky Mountain News, Mrs. McCusker said, "It is very untrue and very unfortunate—I am most embarrassed."

The story said that Mrs. McCusker had received a letter from Mrs. Eisenhower in which the General's wife wrote that she and the General expected to be in the United States at the time of a proposed visit to Paris by the McCuskers.

"The letter did not say any such thing," Mrs. McCusker said later.

Mr. McCusker, head of the Red Dot Company of Denver, is prominent in Colorado Democratic Party circles.—United Press.

## LONDON REACTION

London, Mar. 27. London's financial quarters are tentatively discussing the probable economic consequences of General Eisenhower's strength in the primaries. Views expressed are that it should be generally constructive for world economics, but rather two-sided for specific markets and for the vital problem of the world's supply of dollars.

Senator Taft's knowledge of economics and of international affairs is not underrated in the City of London. It is believed to be far greater than is commonly supposed. But General Eisenhower has vastly more international experience, which should be invaluable at a time when so much depends on the United States' role in the world.

Intense political activities in coming weeks and months, it is said, might distract the attention of Americans from the world's dollar problems. As the Republican political spending largely for Taft while the floating voters—who may be decisive—are largely for Eisenhower, the activity would become intense.

In internal economics, General Eisenhower is believed to be an orthodox hard money man. Some decidedly conservative Americans have said that they agree with his internal though not with his international policies.

If he became President, General Eisenhower might not challenge the traditional view of Congress that the right policy in difficult times is to have important consequences if present deflationary trends abroad spread to the United States. In winding up the British budget debate the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that there was much more danger of deflation and the possibility of unemployment and difficulty in the world in general than was commonly realised. If he is right, a Republican Administration, whether under Eisenhower or Taft, would hardly be likely to indulge in Governmental over-spending to "compensate" for any private under-spending.

## MIGHT BE OMINOUS

In any case, the farmer-labour soft money coalition which has been influential in the United States for the past 20 years seems unlikely to survive this year. In the short run, its break-up might have important effects on the spending power and on such things as farm price supports. The change might be ominous for world prices of cotton and some other commodities, though presumably good for gold.

Quite minor retrenchment or recession in the United States could have dire effects on the dreams of dollar supply. A United Nations study group recently calculated that if employment in the United States fell by merely four per cent in one year, and fully recovered in the next year, the world's dollar supply would be cut over the two years by 10,000 million. The attenuated reserves of Britain and other countries could hardly begin to bridge any such gap.

The effect of General Eisenhower's strength on the flow of foreign aid dollars is unpredictable. If his strength were regarded as enhancing the prospects that the next President will be a Republican, it might reduce the chances of an out-flow of private dollars from the United States by making Americans more inclined to keep their money at home.

The New Hampshire result may have contributed to the strength of the Canadian dollar, since some moneyed Americans think better of the Canadian Administration than of any prospective United States Administration except a Taft one. But they think better of a Republican Administration than of a Truman or any Democrat one.—Reuter.

## Twins Set A Record

London, Mar. 27. A doctor reported today that twin five-year-old boys came down with chicken pox twice in six weeks. Second attacks of chicken pox are rare because a first attack almost always confers immunity. C. Spencer Whitehouse, writing in the British Medical Journal, said the twins lived in Birmingham. They caught the disease the first time in November, 1949, and the second time on December 23.—Associated Press.

## NEW BOAC SERVICE TO JAPAN

(From Our Correspondent)

London, Mar. 27. BOAC's new service through Germany to the Far East—the first time in the history of British civil aviation that such a route has been operated—will start on April 2.

From that date there will be a once weekly service from London calling at Frankfurt and then on to Hongkong and Tokyo via Rome, Cairo, Basra, Karachi, Calcutta, Rangoon and Bangkok.

Passengers will be able to join the service at Frankfurt for Pakistan, India, Hongkong and Tokyo.

Leaving Frankfurt each Thursday the service will arrive at Karachi next day. It will reach Hongkong on Saturday. There is a further night stop at Hongkong and the aircraft will reach Tokyo on Sunday.

The return flight will leave Tokyo each Monday, arriving at Frankfurt the following Thursday.

This once weekly BOAC service linking Germany with the Far East will be operated by pressurised Argonaut airliners powered by four Rolls-Royce engines.

## LONDON THEATRE RENAMED

London, Mar. 27. It was announced today that, by the gracious permission of Her Majesty the Queen, His Majesty's Theatre in the Haymarket will henceforth be known as Her Majesty's Theatre.

The present theatre was opened as "Her Majesty's" by the late Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree on April 28, 1897, its name being changed to His Majesty's Theatre shortly after the accession of King Edward VII.—Reuter.

## SERETSE DECLINES OFFER

Rejection Of Job In Jamaica

London Mar. 27.

Seretse Khama, chief-designate of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland, told a Press conference today that he had refused to accept the Government's decision that he would never be recognised as chief of the Bamangwato tribe in Bechuanaland but would be offered a job in Jamaica.

"By this action the British Government is trying to placate South Africa by offering me a post as far away as possible from South Africa and by a great desire to do right by South Africa even if it means alienating thousands of Africans."

He had declined Lord Salisbury, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, yesterday that he would refuse the offer of a post in Jamaica.

He had no plans for going anywhere outside Britain at present.

"Britain," he said, "is prepared to sacrifice thousands of Africans and others who have always believed in British justice, just in order to make South Africa keep within the Commonwealth."

Seretse said that it was not until after his marriage to a white London girl that South Africa had passed legislation making inter-marriage a crime.

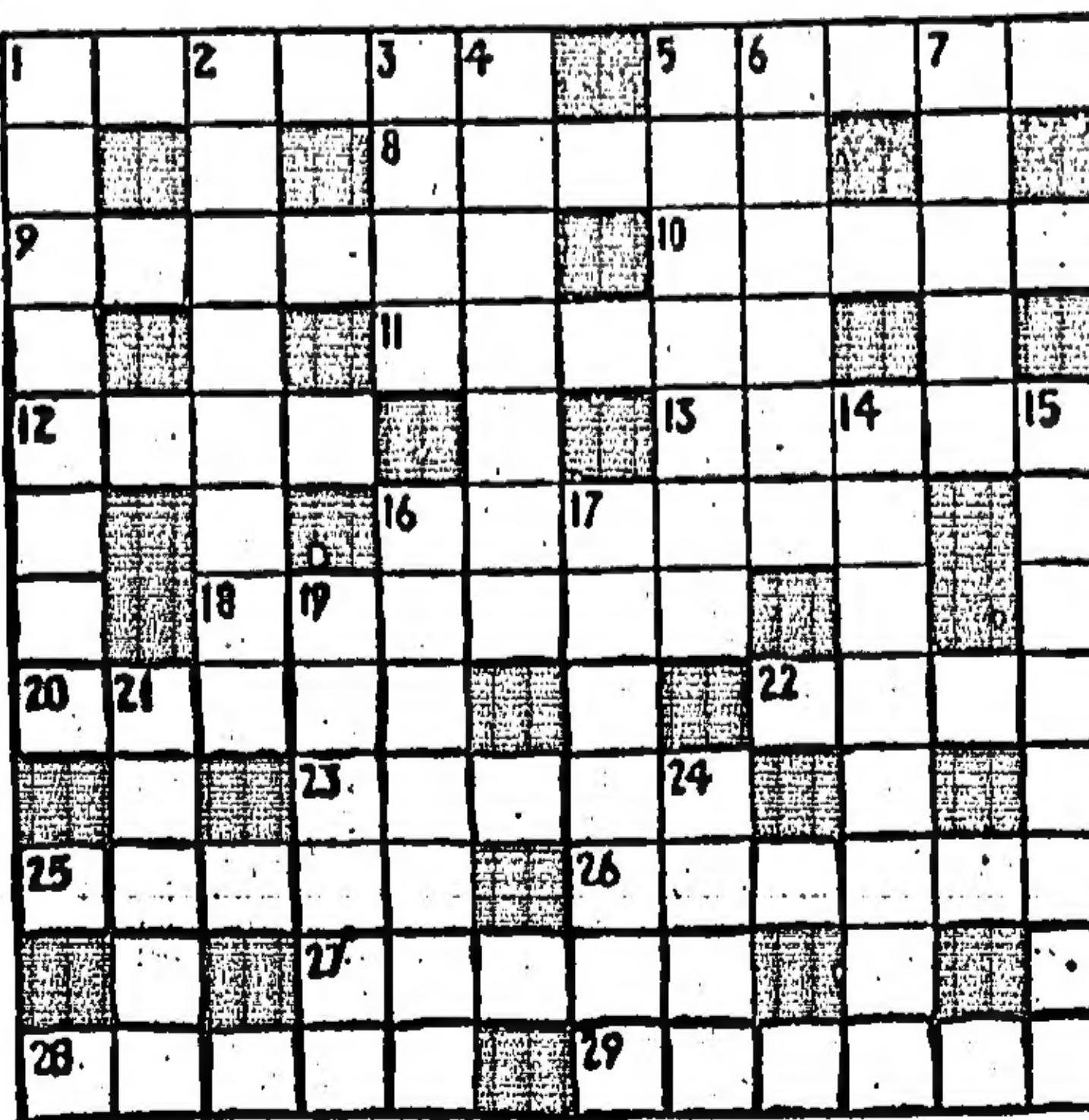
WILL FIGHT Seretse disclosed that the job offered him in Jamaica had a starting salary of £770 a year in addition to his present allowance of £1,100.

He would go on fighting for the right to return to his people but would continue his legal studies here in the meantime. He had no idea who the British Government had in mind as his successor. Basil Davidson, the next in line of succession after Tehekele Khama (Seretse's uncle and former Regent) and Tshekedi's children.

The announcement that Seretse had no hope of returning as chief to his tribe was made in the House of Lords by Lord Salisbury. A similar announcement in the House of Commons brought an immediate demand by Socialist Members for a debate. This was fixed for later tonight.

Mr. James Griffiths, former Labour Secretary of State for the Colonies, said: "Does not the Government realise, in view of what is happening in South and Central Africa now, that this can only lead to the gravest possible disturbance?"—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Tree (6).
  - Out of humour (5).
  - Of less importance (5).
  - Vagabond (5).
  - Ingenious (5).
  - Entry in account of sum owing (5).
  - Deposited (4).
  - Trials (5).
  - Bear witness (5).
  - Chief (6).
  - Heat unit (5).
  - Plunder (4).
  - Horrid (5).
  - Bring about (5).
  - Idea (5).
  - Ordain (5).
  - Inclines (5).
  - Properly (6).
- DOWN
- Recall (8).
  - Atom (8).
  - Among (4).
  - Matured (7).
  - Warship (7).
  - Speaks eloquently (8).
  - Small piece of turf (5).
  - Pudding ingredient (8).
  - Term of imprisonment (8).
  - Discourages (7).
  - Act of self-mutilation (7).
  - Expunged (6).
  - Full hand (5).
  - Quite a number (4).

1 YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Snug, 7 Quire, 8 Rout, 9 Ed, 10 Casade, 12 Wrap, 15 Elder, 16 Idly, 19 Emits, 21 Bode, 22 Span, 23 Taper, 26 Glad, 29 Deliver, 30 Amid, 31 Menu, 32 Septa, 33 Bump, Down: 1 Rural, 2 Proceed, 4 Males, 5 Grew, 6 Puma, 8 Eddy, 11 Allot, 13 Ruin, 14 Purl, 16 Roper, 17 Brog, 18 Idea, 20 Mariner, 22 Sped, 24 Odium, 25 Revolt, 27 Loe, 28 Daub.

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## AMERICAN COLUMN

### OUT OF THE SUN, INTO THE HEAT

I LEAVE the red-hot sunshine of Florida and return to Washington—where I find the atmosphere red-hot with some of the most bitter invective I ever remember hearing, even in the nation's capital.

In the Senate we have Senator Walter George, of Georgia, chairman of the Finance Committee, turning on his Democratic boss, President Truman, with these most unparliamentary words: "The most charitable thing I can say about his personal character and personal integrity is 'No comment,' but he is the poorest advocate of a cause, good, bad, or indifferent, that the world has ever produced."

THEN there is the amazing Newbold Morris, the President's "craft chaser," who produces yet another of the rowdiest verbal howlers heard in months in the Senate committee hearings about his law firm's connection with a surplus tanker deal.

Disregarding the card on which his wife had written in block capitals "Keep your shirt on!" Morris really lets go. He accuses the Senators of having "diseased minds" and complains of "the vile atmosphere in Washington."

Then he shouts at Senator Richard Nixon, 40-year-old Republican: "When you're 20 or 30 years older, maybe you'll be more like a gentleman." "Children!" "Emotionally unfit for this important job!"—counter the enraged Senators.

INCIDENTALLY, on the plane from Key West into Miami, I found myself sitting just behind one of President Truman's top White House advisers, John Stesman. He was engrossed in

a newspaper story reading every word with absorbed attention. It turned out to be the report of the day's proceedings at the Newbold Morris hearings.

IN NEW YORK, counsel for Alger Hiss, brilliant ex-State Department official now in goal for perjury, requests a third trial for his client. He says he has fresh evidence showing that the battered old Hiss typewriter on which his wife Priscilla was said to have copied out top secret documents was a fake, laboriously constructed by someone and then "planted" in the attic where it was found.

THE POLITICAL dust settles in New Hampshire. And many political experts say that two slogans have been immeasurably strengthened by the twin upsets. They are "Truman Must Go" and "Taft Can't Win."

ONE FEATURE of the Eisenhower campaign I haven't yet seen stressed is the large number of women who are ardently throwing themselves into his camp. Undoubtedly the girls like Ike.

VIVIEN LEIGH and Marlon Brando, the tempestuous "Scarlet" team, are probably going to make a film together again. Jack Warner wants them to co-star for him in "Black Ivory," all about the efforts of a Frenchman to win an American bride.

FAVOURITE HEADLINE (referring to the ousted Cuban President Carlos Prío) in the New York Daily News: "Prío awarded right to scream."

THE HUMAN TOUCH: Washington liquor shops are selling respectable whisky at a bottle—but only two to a customer.

R. M. MacCOLL

HOW the Communists are working to capture the good will of London's students: A report by ROBERT KINGSLEY

AS the crow flies, Prague is roughly 650 miles from the centre of London's student quarter in Bloomsbury.

But some coloured students at London University might be pardoned if at times they felt Prague was more accessible to them than Richmond or Cockfosters.

For Prague is the front office from which the Cominform directs propaganda to students this side of the Iron Curtain; the headquarters of the International Union of Students is also in Prague.

From Prague, the Communists reach out to win the good will of the young men and women from West Africa, the West Indies, Malaya and elsewhere, who are studying at London University.

#### HAND-PICKED

How is it done? In Britain as a whole, there are probably 600 students and apprentices from the Colonies, 5,000 from India and Pakistan, and another 5,000 from countries such as Burma and Persia. The great majority of these work in and about London.

## THE LONELY HEART... & THE FRIENDLY GIRL

Roughly two-thirds of them are "sponsored," which is to say they have been to varying degrees hand-picked for their academic accomplishments or promise in their own countries. In this country there are various organisations that look after them.

The other third consists of hopefuls who come here on their own, some properly qualified educationally, many not qualified at all. It is among this last group that Communists find their best hunting. A boy who comes here from Africa, say, without his matriculation, yet hoping to find a place in a university hard-pressed to accommodate those properly qualified, very easily accepts the Communist line that he is barred because of his colour.

#### 'IT'S TERRIBLE'

To that extent, Communism is a dogma for failures.

But there are other means of exploitation open to the Communists. Said a mature and thoughtful man from the Gold Coast, D. A. Pappah, of Adowa, who is doing post-graduate work on the languages of his own country, but who was, a few years ago, himself a "fresher" here: "I can't tell you what the loneliness is that people who are new here from Africa feel when

they first come. It is terrible. There seems to be nothing to do at all except walk up and down the streets."

Loneliness is a high card in the Communists' hand. The lonely student is introduced to mixed clubs where colour does not seem to cause the embarrassment or prove the absolute barrier it might in suburban social circles. The girls, trained to be so, are friendly; they are rarely immoral, they are doing a job for the party.

#### THE FUSSERS

Other clubs offer other inducements—strange "degrees" to be had for the membership fee, perhaps, or a promise of financial help in an emergency. A plentiful supply of Soviet literature is either foisted upon students free or sold at exceedingly low prices.

In fact, the coloured student need not feel lonely. There are probably more facilities for him than for a homesick student from the North of England. But these facilities for making friends have a depressing tendency to be over-organised and what I would call institutional.

A chaplain concerned with the welfare of coloured students summed up the English attitude to them. "It is either," he said, "a case of fear, frigidity, ignorance and insensitivity to their feelings or, and this is equally bad, a passing, rushing, patronising attitude. What is wanted is for them to be treated as ordinary boys away from home. The more they are treated like English boys the better."

Some students arrive here not knowing what to expect; some

arrive with chips on their shoulders expecting rebuffs. The West Africans were the most deeply sensitive and most easily hurt.

As would be expected, the Left-wing element in the University contains Communists, white and coloured. These make a point of attending functions—lectures, debates and so on—that they know will be attended by coloured students. They strike up acquaintances. After the function they invite their new "friends" to canteens or cafes or refectories. There they start their polemics. And very often they overdo it and bore their audiences.

A West Indian from Trinidad, who is a "fresher" studying science, told me of the harangues. His name was A. R. Sumasar-Rai, and he said: "There are three or four of them come to the hotel where I live when we have lectures. Two are doing law, I know, one is a doctor of medicine. They talk and talk, and if all they talk is all they have to offer students I can't see students being very interested."

IT'S SIMPLE

A "youth festival" to be held in Sheffield at Whitson is now being planned. Apparently it will be an imitation of the international spree for students that the Communists staged in Berlin last summer. Lonely students at a loose end in London over Whitson are tempted to go to Sheffield. Whether they do, or not is a matter that will be decided, very largely, by Londoners themselves. Let Londoners make the coloured students feel at home in Britain. The way to defeat the Communists is as simple as that.

## Concluding This Report Of An Astonishing Interview

### LITVINOV'S WARNING WAS A STATE SECRET

By Richard C. Hottelet

FORMER Russian Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinov was, politically speaking, the Soviet Klaus Fuchs.

The information betrayed by Fuchs advanced the development of the Soviet atom bomb. Litvinov's warning to me that the Soviet could not be trusted or appeased hastened and strengthened the Western resolve to block Soviet aggression. This came at a time when delay or doubt might have made future containment impossible.

It is difficult, and for an outsider perhaps impossible, to tell what decisions were made and what plans were dropped under the impact of Litvinov's words. Yet this much can be said. His views have been top-level reference in the U.S. State Department ever since he outlined them to me on June 18, 1946.

They have been ported over time and again as different problems have arisen. Litvinov may have been ignored and carelessly tossed into the Kremlin's ash can. But he must have had the satisfaction of knowing that the highest American officials consulted him respectfully and often.

FROM the moment I told the story at the American Embassy, the Litvinov interview was treated as a state secret of utmost urgency. Smith, flashed it to Secretary of State James Byrnes, who was then in Paris discussing questions like Trieste, the Italian colonies and the future of Germany, with Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov. Mr. Byrnes kept the document in his private safe. In Washington, orders were given to keep this message out of the ordinary secret files and to make it available only to a handful of men at the top.

Litvinov's warning did not come as a staggering surprise, as far as its substance is concerned. Men like Charles Bohlen and Charles Boardman, who had been reporting Soviet intentions. But I am told that influential quarters in the State Department—quite apart from Alger Hiss—had honestly been discounting their reports as reflecting embittered "Moscowitis."

It was impossible for any honest man to discount Litvinov. What is more, here

were direct answers to questions about some of the most pressing international problems.

Litvinov had made it clear that Soviet behaviour was not an odd series of cantankerous, unpredictable acts, but a solid chain of policy. It was not based on misunderstanding but on the deliberate conclusion that the earth is not big enough to permit the Communist and non-Communist worlds to live side by side. Litvinov dispelled Soviet propaganda and encouraged American statesmen to follow their convictions.

James Byrnes by that time had no illusions about the Russians. His own offer of a 25-year treaty to disarm and demilitarise Germany, designed to give Moscow its demanded security, had been rejected by Molotov out of hand.

Important problems such as atomic control were still open, however. Public opinion in the United States, as in Britain and elsewhere, insisted that its diplomats approach the Soviet Union with open minds and be always prepared to go more than half way.

It is worth noting the Litvinov interview has been kept for five and a half years, by some eminent friends of mine in journalism and by many people in the State Department.

One of the latter, John Davies, was for a brief time last year exposed to the fatuous or vicious accusation of insecurity and disloyalty in the course of a broadside attack. I consulted John Davies before I went to see Litvinov. One indiscreet word from Davies, and the meeting would never have taken place. After the event we discussed the material at length before it went off to the Secretary of State.

An indiscretion by Davies then would have sent Litvinov to the secret police execution cellar. Yet the old man apparently died a natural death five and half years later.

I saw Litvinov again about a week after our conversation. The occasion was a session of the Supreme Soviet of the RSFSR—the Russian Soviet Federal Socialist Republic, largest of the 16 republics. It met in the vast St. Andrew's Hall of the Great Kremlin Palace. It is a huge room, a good 600 feet long, 200 feet wide and 75 feet high. When Litvinov came into the hall, he took no notice of the bustle, but ambled down the rose-coloured carpet to his desk in the second row, in the middle, just in front of the speaker's

stand. He carried a newspaper which he unfolded as he sat down.

For the rest of the evening I never once saw him take his eyes off that paper. When several times he prudently raised one hand to vote yes with the other deputies, Litvinov laid the newspaper on his desk and continued to read. To appreciate the full flavour of this silent demonstration, one must know how little the four-page Pravda or Izvestia has to say, and how incredibly dull that is.

The following week I telephoned Litvinov's office for another appointment, but was told he was on vacation. On August 23 the announcement of his dismissal as Deputy Foreign Minister appeared in Pravda.

IN the winter of 1946, Ambassador Smith saw him trudging along a country road wearing his old grey Foreign Office overcoat. As far as I know, Litvinov never again spoke with an American or an Englishman, probably not with any Western foreigner. In his public life, Litvinov had deserved very well of the regime, and he had never figured in internal politics. It was said that he lived in Moscow quietly and in comfortable circumstances.

He did not figure in the news again until January 2, 1952 when Pravda announced that he had died two days before. He was given a second-class funeral with the customary Soviet false pathos. His body lay in state in the conference hall of the Foreign Office, surrounded by wreaths and flowers. A military band played funeral dirges. When the funeral procession was organized, it was led by three young Foreign Office men carrying on small carpet pillows, Litvinov's Order of Lenin, Order of the Red Banner of Labour and Medal for the Valiant, a run-of-the-mill wartime decoration.

NONE of Litvinov's old colleagues—Malysky, Troyanovsky or Alexandra Kollontay—came to his funeral. The highest ranking mourners were Deputy Foreign Ministers Gromyko, Zorin and Gusev. The heavy was complete. The robots of the Soviet system were burying a free spirit. They did not know that Litvinov had prepared himself an obituary which Pravda would never print, and that he had left a heritage of scorn which Josef Stalin, now that he knows it, will never forget.

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## The Follies—neither art nor culture . . . . But What Engineering?

Paris  
ONE hundred and sixty thousand pounds worth of spangled, feathered tourist bait was cast with a strictly Parisian "boom" along the Grands Boulevards.

It was the 28th Folly of the Folies-Bergeres—naturally the costliest, most brilliant of show business extravaganzas.

The new star of the show, a 22-year-old lovely who began in the back row of the nudists at 10, Yvonne Menard, has been promoted to clothe.

She is, even more, worth seeing and they let her speak a few lines now, too.

New nude star is a young Swedish mannequin, Siv Norden, who takes a bath in 17,000 gallons of tepid water in the stage.

In two and a half hours, 41 fast-moving and fantastic pieces of scenery take you from full-fledged railway trains in the Gare St. Lazare to the smoky depths of a vast opium den and up to the crystal gates of a Negro Heaven.

The opium den is a kind never seen east of the Seine, and the Negro Heaven is strictly the foyer of a Ritz run amok.

While they are building time for two rather interesting little sideights on the orchestra edge of the stage. One is called, rather spicily "E28" (Foreign travel allowance for Britons) and the other "United Nations."

Mark well the first. The Frenchman's idea of "un Anglais" green pork-pie hat and tweed jacket straggles bellowing into Paris. In a few swift moves he mixes his drinks and loses his allowance.

A charming young thing complains to him: "The trouble with you English is that you think all Paris lies between the Opera and the Madeleine"—a few hundred yards. She

By CHINA MAIL  
CORRESPONDENT

There 41 scenes are magnificently handled by 80 hard-working electricians and engineers back-stage.

"Les girls" wear ten and a half miles of gorgeous material and fashions of feathers almost half the time.

Gilded girl cages pop out of the roof. Revolving stages, snow scener and moonlight—scintillating wet—pools succeeded each other with astonishing rapidity.

It may not be art. But what engineering!

Vive le metanome. That's my verdict.

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## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

ANNUAL RACE MEETING  
Saturday 22nd, Wednesday 26th & Saturday,  
29th March, 1952.

(Held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

The First Race will be run at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The "tiffin interval" is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are twelve races each day (36 in all). Through Tickets at \$2.00 each may be obtained at the Comptroller's Office of the Club, 1st floor, Telephone House, also ticket at \$2.00 each for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting on 29th March as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the "Hong Kong Derby" scheduled to be run on 31st May, 1952. Through Tickets reserved for this Meeting but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 21st March, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future meetings.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House, non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the Club's Branch Offices at—

5, D'Almeida Street, Hong Kong  
or  
392, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

### TOTALISATOR

The attention of Totalisator Investors is drawn to the following rules:—

Dividends will be paid on the winning and placed ponies as declared by the Stewards when the "All Clear" is given. The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a white light at the Totalisator Tower. BACKERS ARE ADVISED NOT TO DESTROY OR THROW AWAY THEIR TICKETS UNTIL AFTER THE "ALL CLEAR" SIGNAL HAS BEEN EXHIBITED.

Totalisator Tickets should be examined and checked before leaving the Selling Counters as mistakes of any description cannot be rectified later. Cash received in respect of Dividends should be checked before leaving the Pay-Out Counters as no claim for short payment of the value of tickets presented can be entertained once investor have left the Counters.

All winning tickets and tickets for refunds must be presented for payment at the Race Course on the day to which they refer, but none will be paid later than one hour after the time for which the last race of the day has been scheduled to be run.

In no circumstances will any Dividends be paid or refunds made unless a ticket is produced. Payment WILL NOT be made on torn or discoloured tickets.

### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE

SETS OF MEMBERS' AND LADIES' BADGES WHICH ARE BEING ISSUED FOR THE 1952 RACING SEASON ARE NOT VALID UNTIL 1ST APRIL, 1952. 1951 SETS ARE VALID UNTIL THEN.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen not in possession of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax, for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary at Telephone House, on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

Only a limited number of badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will be on sale at the Race Course.

The Branch Offices, the Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10.00 a.m. each day. The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office are situated at 1st floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAC MEN, ETC., WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PRECINCTS OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

### SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

Owing to the congestion in the Members' Betting Hall and at Booths adjacent to Boxes in the Coffee Room, Box-holders and Members are requested to ensure that their servants make use only of the Public Betting Hall. Military Police will be posted at various points in the enclosure to ensure that this regulation is adhered to.

By Order,  
H. MISA,  
Secretary.

# PHILIPPINE PAIR EXTENDED BY UNSEEDED CHINESE YMCA COMBINATION By "ARGONAUT"

The Philippines combination of A. Torres Jr. and M. S. Yanga just managed to make the third round of the Men's Doubles event of the Colony Open Badminton Championships, which continued at St. Teresa's Hall last night.

Pitted against the unseeded Chinese YMCA pair of D. C. Lau and P. K. Hooi, the visitors took the first set by 15-8, after trailing behind by 1-5 in the initial stages. Both the Philippine players displayed an excellent defence, but did not appear to combine together too well.

Lau and Hooi held the offensive in the second set and with neat drops and follow-up smashes went to a 7-1 and 11-4 lead. Torres and Yanga rallied to 11-11 but three successive drops by Hooi at this stage and a smash by Lau completed the second set.

The third set saw the visitors never gives up fighting, particularly in the second set when he drew up from 4-9, 7-11 and 10-12 to 12-12 before gracefully bowing out of the tournament in this event.

Yanga was seen at his best at this stage. With good short services, and strong smashes and first tapping shots at the net he brought the score to 13-10, only to see the Chinese pair even up at 13-13.

They led 2-1 after deuce was called and went on to score the required three points on their next two services.

**LEE EXTENDS YOUNG**  
In a hard-hitting Singles quarter-final match, the holder Ramon Young was extended to two gruelling sets 10-15 and 12-15 by a fighting C. K. Lee.

Long baseline rallies and hard smashes featured the game, with Young enjoying an advantage with an orthodox backhand. Lee again upheld his reputation of being a player who

never gives up fighting, particularly in the second set when he drew up from 4-9, 7-11 and 10-12 to 12-12 before gracefully bowing out of the tournament in this event.

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## AUSSIE SELECTORS REPLY TO BARNES

Sydney.

The second stage in what may easily be cricket's biggest-ever legal battle has developed in Sydney.

Two days before the expiry of the ultimatum in which Sidney Barnes threatened further action the Australian Board of Cricket Control has replied to his recent manifesto.

Barnes, backed by legal advice, had demanded reasons for his exclusion from the Australian Test team against the West Indies.

It was known that one player had been struck out for "reasons other than cricketing ability." Barnes has been commonly identified as the player concerned.

It is apparent from the text of the Board's answer that Barnes is not the only one relying on legal advice.

**GUARDED REPLY**

Most significant feature of the guarded reply is that the Board do not deny that a player was excluded since that Barnes was the player. They merely deny publishing the fact that any player was disqualified as a member of the Australian team.

W. H. Jones reads: "I have been directed to inform you that the Board never published the fact that any player was disqualified as a member of the Australian team."

He also points out that the name of any player disqualified on reasons for disapproval. However, I have been further directed to inform

you that the Board feels that because of matters you have recently brought to its notice, it should state that at no time has it had before it any information which would suggest any act of dishonesty on your part or conduct offensive to or derogatory to members of the Royal Family."

Barnes, acting under the advice of Mr. J. W. Shand, Q.C., when told of the contents of the letter, said: "I have no comment now but I shall probably make a public statement from the office of my legal adviser in a few days."

Those nearest to Barnes believe there is no doubt whatever that he is determined to press the issue to its conclusion in whatever legal form he is advised. — London Express Service.

### PRESS STATEMENT

Sydney, Mar. 27.

Former Test cricketer Sid Barnes, in a Press statement today named Keith Johnson as one official who had suggested that he discontinue his protest against the Board of Control.

Barnes said that he had been approached by other members of the Board with requests that he drop his complaints.

Barnes said that Johnson, who was manager of the 1943 Australian team in England, had suggested that he would go to England with the next Australian team if he "allowed the matter to die."

Barnes has claimed that he was omitted from the Third Test against the West Indies by the Board after selection. He has been demanding from the Board the reasons for their stand against him.

Keith Johnson, who is New South Wales member of the Board of Control, today denied having told Barnes that he would go to England if he dropped the matter. — United Press.

### NOTICE

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The light signals hitherto used to signify that an objection has been lodged and the result thereof have been amended as follows:—

Objection RED Square with white border.  
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Objection Overruled YELLOW Square with white border.

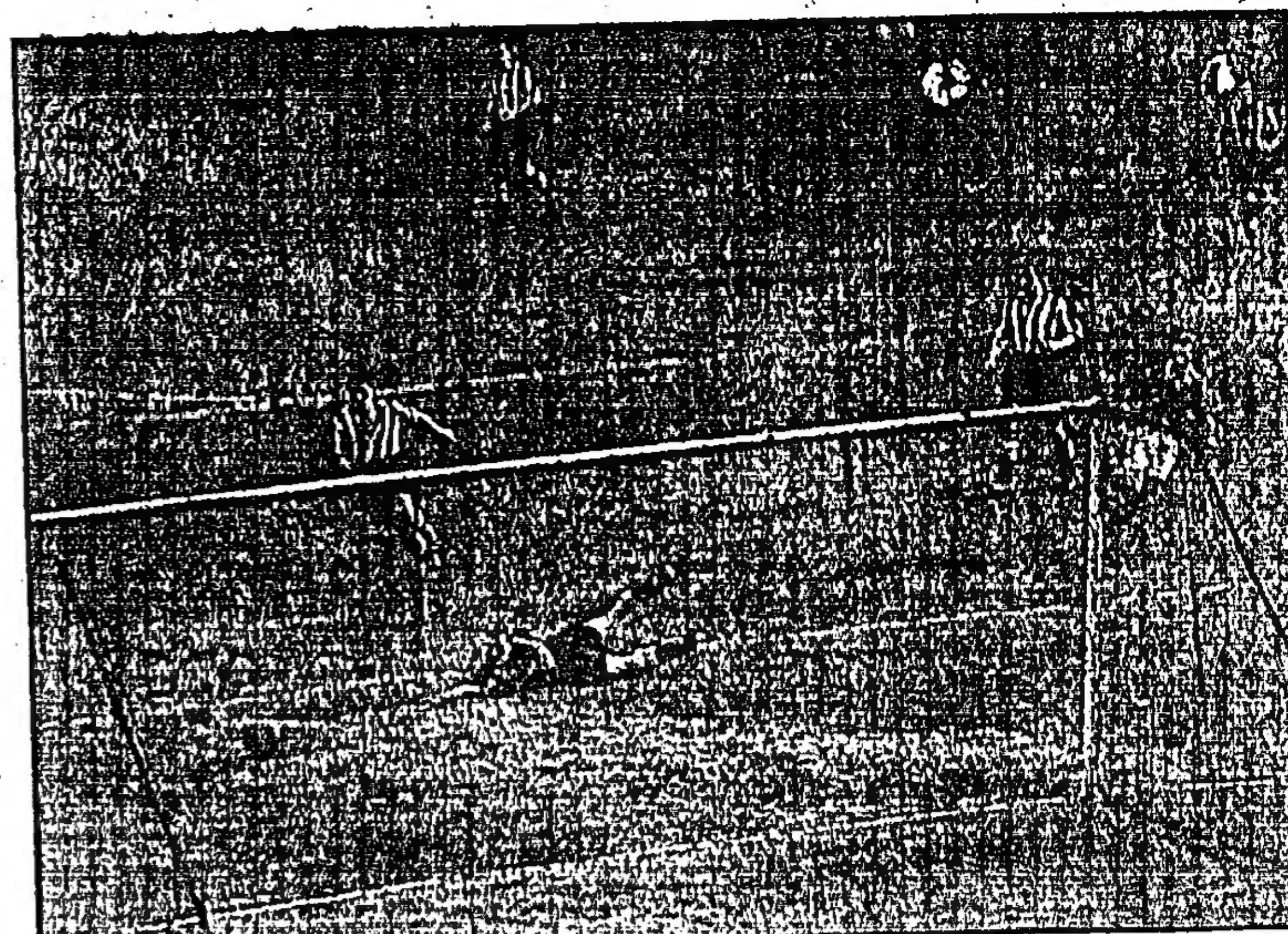
These signals will be exhibited on the Totalisator Tower in the positions previously occupied by the signal lights and the Spheres will be dispensed with.

The objection signal only (Red square with White border) will flash for a short period before it becomes static.

The "All Clear" signal will be indicated by a White light and will be exhibited below the objection signals.

H. MISA,  
Secretary.

## CUP FINAL PREVIEW?



Roy Bentley (right foreground), Chelsea's inside-left, seen testing Simpson, Newcastle's goalkeeper, in a League match at Stamford Bridge. Cowell (left foreground), Newcastle left-back, is seen running to assist his keeper. Standing by Bentley is Brennan, Newcastle's centre-half. These two teams, engaged in the Cup semi-finals on March 29, may be fighting each other for football's greatest honour at Wembley on May 3rd. — Express Photo.

## TOMORROW'S HOME SOCCER

# Blackburn's Appearance In Cup Semi-final Is A Cinderella Story

Says DENNIS HART

The Cinderella story come true. That describes the appearance in tomorrow's semi-final at Hillsborough, of Blackburn Rovers. Four months ago Blackburn had played 16 Second Division matches and all they had to show for those games was six points. They were well and truly bottom of the table, six points behind the next club.

It was beyond the wildest dreams of their most rabid supporter that they would reach the semi-final of the FA Cup, and even have an outside chance of promotion. But that is what has happened.

How has this amazing transformation been brought about? By lavish spending in the transfer market? Not on your life!

Blackburn indulged in but one big buy. That was Eddie Quigley, whom they obtained from Preston for about £10,000. He helped them turn the corner by scoring six goals in his first six games, which gave Blackburn nine points.

Then he was injured, and subsequently had a long lay-off. But the club's revival continued. And the strange fact about it is that to achieve it they played the same brand of football that had previously kept them in the depths of the League table.

It is to their credit that even when things were going against them they still tried to play good football, and did not resort to "points-at-any cost" tactics.

To complete the fairy story, their semi-final opponents tomorrow are Newcastle, the glamorous Prince Charming of soccer.

On form, Newcastle must be firm favourites, for their star-studded forward line has earned them away victories over clubs such as Tottenham and Portsmouth in previous rounds.

But they can not afford to take game lightly. For Blackburn have a tremendous fighting spirit, and are renowned as a great cup-fighting team. Victory for them in this year's Final would give them a record number of seven wins.

They are already joint holders of the record with Aston Villa, each having won the trophy six times.

**OUTSIDE QUESTION MARK**  
But if there is a small query against the Blackburn-Newcastle semi-final, the other, between Arsenal and Chelsea at White Hart Lane, Tottenham, must have an outside question mark chalked against it.

On the one hand, we have Chelsea, the unpredictable and butt of music halls for many years. On the other, the mighty Arsenal, most famous football club in the world. Although not the wonder-side of pre-war years, Arsenal are still a great team.

Tomorrow's game recalls the semi-final battles between the clubs two years ago. Then it was not until extra time of the replay that a goal from right-winger Cox earned Arsenal the right to go to Wembley.

Chelsea have further cause to remember Cox. For in the first semi-final, they were leading 2-0 when he scored a freak goal with a shot from near the corner flag. Not content with this, he placed the corner for Leslie Compton to snatch Arsenal's equaliser.

No doubt Tiekridge, Chelsea left back, has very strict orders concerning the marking of this live-wire player.

Recently Arsenal have been disrupted by injuries, and but for these would be challenging even more strongly for the Cup and League double.

Chelsea will look to the opportunity of inside Roy Bentley, who is back to international form, and 20-year-old centre-forward Bobby Smith to break Arsenal's defence. On last centre-half Harris rests the responsibility of holding the Arsenal attack.

Providing their injured players, Forbes, Logie and Lewis, are fit, Arsenal should again carry too many guns for their opponents.

**SCORES' SEMI-FINALS**  
Tomorrow is also semi-final day in Scotland, where Motherwell play Hearts, and Dundee play Third Lanark.

The Motherwell-Hearts game at Hampden Park will provide a clash between those two ace Cup scorers, Bauld of Hearts and Kelly of Motherwell.

Motherwell showed a surprisingly good defence in their replay fourth round tie with Rangers, and Hearts will have to be on top form to score. But in their replayed fourth round tie with Aldrie, Hearts showed themselves to be great fighters.

They were losing 3-2, and scored four goals in the last half an hour to run out winners by six goals to two. This tie promises to be a real thriller.

In the other semi-final at Easter Road, Dundee, with Billy Steel at the helm, on current form should dispose of Third Lanark.

Cup games do not steal all the limelight. For with promotion and relegation struggles reaching critical stages, there will be many stern battles this afternoon.

One of the most important is at City ground, where Notts Forest entertain Sheffield United. Victory for the home side would do much to strengthen their promotion prospects, and at the same time would practically put the United out of the hunt. As earlier in the season, they should be reasonably confident.

In the Third Division South, Plymouth should get two points nearer the Second Division by beating Bournemouth. They may even increase their lead as Brighton and Reading both have wavy games.

In the Third Division North, the all-conquering Lincoln visit Accrington. The lowly placed home side can have little hope of holding the visitor's attack, which has scored more goals than any other club in the country.

(London Express Service)

### HKRA Rifle Shoot

The next practice shoot of the Hongkong Rifle Association will be held at Kai Tak on Sunday at 9 a.m. Ranges 200 yards, 300 yards and 500 yards. Spoons will be awarded for the best score in each class.

## Colony Chess Championship Surprise

There was a surprise in the first round of the Colony Chess Championship, played at the Peninsula Hotel last night, when S. B. Kho, the first Chinese player to take part in several years, beat L. Schure, a ranking Colony player.

Kho won on steady positional play after Schure, who could then hope for a draw after losing a piece very early on in a Peffer Defence. This was the evening's longest game.

Ray Dancberg beat J. B. Laing in 43 moves and Karl Weiss beat Dr. G. A. Vellot.

Alec Nelson has withdrawn from the tournament as he will be leaving the Colony earlier than anticipated and his place on the fixture list will be taken by the player having a bye.

Manila, Mar. 28.

The top-ranking Australian football team, Sportklub Wacker, may play here next year if negotiating for the Austrians to come to Manila are successful. It was learned yesterday.

Coach Emilio Ugarte of the Manila Interpol eleven is scheduled to leave for Hongkong on April 6 to negotiate with the Hongkong Football Association regarding the Austrian team.

Meanwhile the Indian Gymkhana football squad will play here in May after engagements with the Hongkong Football Association. Ugarte has also been instructed to make arrangements for a Hongkong team to come together with the Indian eleven in May. — France Press.

**Austrian Football Club May Send Team To Manila**







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# NOTICE

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

## ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fiftieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28th March, 1952, at Noon for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1951, and the Auditors' Report thereon.
2. To sanction a dividend in respect of the year 1951.
3. To elect Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

## CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 15th March, 1952, to 28th March, 1952, both days inclusive.

## By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th March, 1952.

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# Last Chapter In The Story Of A Spendthrift

London, Mar. 27.  
For 12 hours Captain Eddy Crane, 37, changed his prison clothes for a 50-guinea Savile-row suit, to live again, in retrospect, the gay 22 months in which he spent £26,000. It was the last chapter in the story of a spendthrift and it ended in Windsor Bankruptcy Court.

The public examinations of Crane and his friend, Captain Clarence Henry Pitt, 36, once Silver Stick Adjutant to the late King, were closed.

It ended with Crane — brought from Wormwood Scrubs, where he is serving a three-year sentence for fraud — testifying from the witness box: "Captain Pitt knew nothing of my business transactions. I take full responsibility for any transactions he entered into."

And it ended, according to Crane, only temporarily. For, he told the Official Receiver, Mr. C. T. Newman: "I always had a gay and luxurious life and I am going to have it again in the future. I can get out of my financial difficulties if I have the chance."

For three hours Crane answered questions about the business negotiations and week-end parties on which he spent £236 a week. His liabilities, said Mr. Newman, were more than £25,000, his assets £3,679. Captain Pitt, whose examination had been adjourned, had liabilities of £16,312, assets of £8.

## DEALS OFF

When it was all over, Captains Crane and Pitt went into a private room and for five minutes talked — of the days when champagne flowed at the 16-roomed mansion, Sunning-house, Berkshire, which Crane rented for more than £1,000 a year, when the band of the Horse Guards played for 250 guests, and dinners and breakfasts alone cost £500.

In his evidence, Crane told how he had pinned his hopes

on large-scale deals. There was the international oil deal involving, he said, \$75,000,000, which two Texas millionaires were prepared to invest in oil concessions in India, Pakistan, and other countries. It fell through.

There was the deal in which he hoped to earn a large commission by arranging the sale to an American buyer of the exclusive Mayfair hotel. That fell through.

There was the Government surplus stores deal in which, Crane said, he invested £10,000 — given to him by another man.

"I paid the money," he said, "to a man named Victor Hugo, whom I knew as an associate of George Dawson, the millionaire surplus stores dealer. He said I would get it back with 100 per cent interest. But he disappeared. I believe he died in Switzerland recently. I spoke to George Dawson about it in Paris and he said he knew nothing of the transaction."

And there was the story of the parties. One, in Ascot. Week, 1950, cost him more than £600. A few days before, Crane agreed, he had borrowed £2,000. The bill included £147 for champagne.

## Rabies In Finland

Helsinki, Mar. 27.  
The authorities in Finland's southernmost province have ordered all dogs there to be registered because they fear an epidemic of rabies has broken out. The epidemic was reported to have been brought into Finland by Russian dogs straying over the frontier. — Reuter.

## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

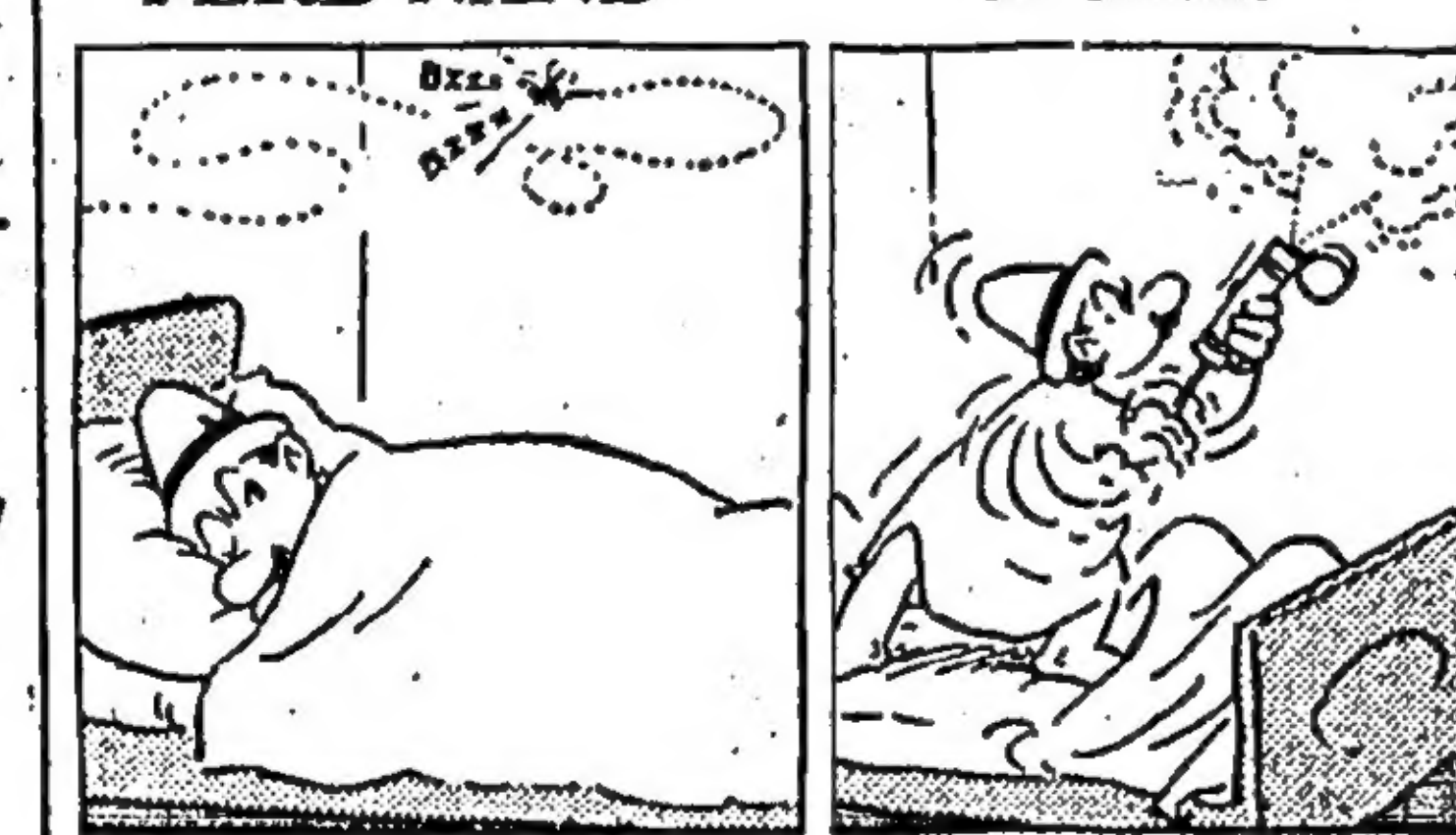


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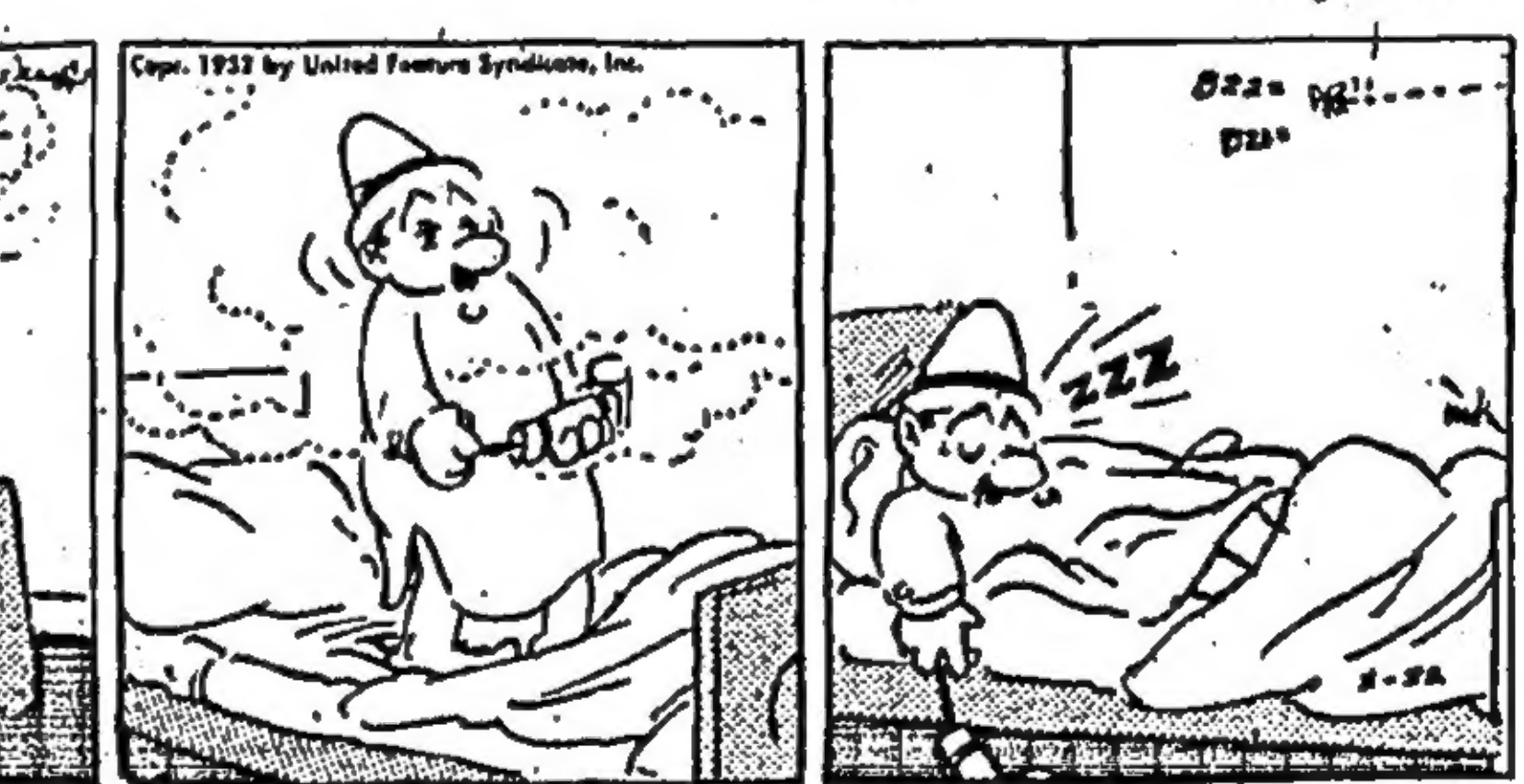


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## BOLD BANK ROBBER

Tokyo, Mar. 28.—A bold robber in the Southern Japanese town of Kure made robbing a bank seem easy this week. He did it in broad daylight, without using a weapon, and the yen equivalent of US\$4,000 which he snatched was not even missed until he had disappeared.

The stranger stalked into the bank during its rush hour, and stayed around for 40 minutes, carrying a stack of documents from office to office.

Then, after the bank employees had got used to seeing him, he walked off with a pile of banknotes totalling 1,457,000 yen.—United Press.

## No Licence For Cinema

The manager of the Ping Chau Entertainment Theatre at Ping Chau Island, Thoi San-wah, 36, was fined \$1,000 by Mr Oswald Cheung at Kowloon this morning for conducting a cinema without a permit, and evading tax on cinema tickets.

The police arrested defendant at 8.30 p.m. on March 25, and said defendant had been operating the theatre since January this year.

Defendant said he took over business from the former manager and did not know the existing regulations.

The projector and one roll of film were ordered to be returned to defendant. Seven bundles of unsold tickets of 80 and 40 cents were ordered to be confiscated.

## 11 GRANTED NATURALISATION

The privilege of British naturalisation has been conferred on the following, according to an announcement in today's Gazette:

Messrs. Kam Cheung-fai, S. Y. Hoi-hoi, F. L. Bruhn (alias F. L. Brown), Yen Yu-shen, Chan Man-shing, V. V. Koiat-choff, M. B. Antonoff, Hugs Liew (alias Lau Kwai-weng), Shim Chuen, Andrew Ho (alias Ho Yuk-ming), and F. Melbye.

## Great Glamour



Specially delivered by PAA direct from top houses 26th inst. an exciting new collection of "DISTINCTIVE" party gowns and bridal gowns and ensembles, the like of which can only be obtained today from Saks, Fifth Ave.,—here in Hong Kong only at Mode Elite. You'll find the same lastword beautiful garments due to the expert merchandising skill of Mode Elite management without increasing cost. Come in—see them. SEEING IS BELIEVING.

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In kid leathers and French suedes. You pamper your hands with gloves of smoothest silk. Why not treat your feet in the same elegant manner? Just unpacked a most comprehensive new collection of such beautiful American shoes—all made on exclusive famous lasts including all the finer products of great L. MILLER chain producers and twenty other worldwide renowned shoemakers whose shoes are being worn today by all smart, sophisticated gentlemen in American leading cities... here in Hong Kong you'll be thrilled to find the same lastword better footwear exclusively shown by MODE ELITE. Also, unpacked a dazzling world of beautiful matching purses. Washable straw bags from \$18 each—washable plastic coil bags from \$10 to \$40 each. A great variety of aristocrat purses. NEVER seen elsewhere are ideal for birthday and wedding gifts.

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## Maximum Fine Imposed

### Junk Owner Kept Petrol On Board

The maximum fine of \$500 was imposed on Ko Tsat, 35, owner of cargo junk 1904V, by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for unlawfully having 20 gallons of petrol on board his vessel.

He was cautioned on an additional charge of illegally installing two inboard motors.

Sub-Inspector Kong Sal-lun stated that an explosion occurred on board the vessel in the Yau-mut Typhoon Shelter on March 18. As a result a watchman, was seriously burned. Found aboard were two petrol engines, which were in the process of being dismantled, and 20 gallons of petrol. Inspector Kong added that the explosion was caused by a lit cigarette end coming in contact with some petrol which the watchman had drawn from the tank.

Defendant, who was arrested yesterday, said that when he was last fined for installing the engines he gave instructions to have them removed before he left for Macao.

In imposing the fine, Mr Sprague said that one of the main reasons for prohibiting the installing of engines was the danger of fire in a crowded harbour which could have serious consequences.

## TOOK SAMPAN ALONGSIDE SHIP

Cheung Wah, 24, owner of passenger sampan A218V, was fined \$40 by Mr W. Sprague at the Marine Court this morning for lying alongside a steamer without permission and for failing to report a change of ownership of the junk.

Arrested last night alongside the ss Hangsang, defendant said he was passing by the steamer when someone on board called to him to take a passenger ashore. Sub-Inspector Kong said defendant gave no satisfactory answer when arrested.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"He must be in love with me! Why would he come over every night and let me do his Latin for him?"

## Cyclist Runs Into Police Officer's Car

### Manager and did not know the existing regulations.

A young shop faki who dashed out from a carpark on his bicycle ran straight into a Police Officer's car yesterday. Changed with dangerous driving, the shop faki, Yu Kwok-fu, 21, was fined \$10 and ordered to pay \$36.80 compensation by Mr Oswald Cheung at Kowloon this morning.

Det. Insp. C. J. Askew said he was driving his car in Nathan Road yesterday and when near the Mongkok branch office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, a bicycle suddenly dashed out from the carpark and ran straight into his car. Fortunately, the car was travelling at a slow speed or defendant would have been killed. He said the damage to the car amounted to \$36.80.

In imposing the fine, Mr Cheung said defendant had no consideration for anyone at all.

## Crew Quits In Protest

### Antwerp, Mar. 27.

The entire crew of a British freighter quit today in protest against sailing to Communist ports less than 24 hours after the captain had died mysteriously at sea with a bullet through his brain.

The police said the captain committed suicide.

The 37-man crew of the 7,133-ton ship Campaign took off the ship's roster when they arrived in Antwerp Harbour today from Gdynia, Poland, with cargo.

Their resignations followed the discovery of the body of Captain Patrick Snuggs, 51, who was found by crew members in a stateroom with a bullet in his head.

Most of the ship's crew are British and others are from the East. Crew members said they had been angry for some time at the treatment they received in Communist ports, principally those of Poland and the Soviet.

—United Press.

## Speeding Up Court Cases

Sitting for the first time for the call-over list at the Supreme Court this morning, Mr Justice Reece, Puisne Judge, made the following points:

The Summary Court was for summary matters which must be disposed of speedily.

His Lordship brought forward the hearing of an action set down by Mr Justice Williams for July 16 to Monday morning at 10.30 a.m. Remarking that the case had been before the Court for a long time now with adjournment after adjournment, his Lordship refused a request for a further week's adjournment.

Besides this case, his Lordship fixed hearing for three other summary cases also on Monday at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon.

## No Proper Driving Licence

For driving a private car without a licence, David Jones, 24, LAC of the Royal Air Force, was fined \$20 by Mr Oswald Cheung at Kowloon this morning.

Insp. Jones prosecuting said defendant was stopped in Nathan Road last night while driving private car HK 1311. He had a RAC licence to drive all cars of 25 tons in weight and he had a UK licence.

Defendant said the car was his.

## Ranks Confirmed

The Government Gazette today announces that the following Probationary Sub-Lieutenants in the Hong Kong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve have been confirmed in the rank of Sub-Lieutenant:

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## Robbers Found Guilty

By a majority verdict of 4-1, a Jury of six men and a woman at the Criminal Sessions this morning found four men guilty of robbery with aggravation in a hut on the hillside above Queen Mary Hospital on August 13 last year.

All accused had previous convictions. In passing sentence the Court took into consideration other counts of robbery to which the accused had pleaded guilty and other offences which they asked the Court to take into consideration.

Mr Justice Williams passed sentence of nine years and eight strokes of the cane on Chan Yui-ming, hawker, whose record His Lordship described as shocking. Cheung Yung-ming was given seven years and 15 strokes, while Hong Sang and Hon So were each sentenced to five years and nine strokes.

All accused pleaded for leniency and asked for hawker's licences for their families.

## Official Appointments

The following official appointments are announced in today's Government Gazette:

Mr L. S. Smith to be an Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council as from March 26.

Mr B. F. Slevin to be the Aide-Camp to His Excellency the Governor as from March 21.

Dr Irene Ho Cheng, PhD (London) to act as Woman Inspector of Schools during the absence of Miss Evelyn Gray.

Dr Mok Hing-yiu, MB (China), MB BS (Hong Kong), DTM & H. DCH, MRCP, to act as Medical Specialist during the absence of Dr P. D. Wilkinson.

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# Star Ferry Company's Chairman Praises New Franchise

## SERVICE ESTABLISHES A RECORD

A satisfactory new franchise for the Star Ferry Co., Ltd., was reported to have resulted from negotiations with Government by Mr John Keswick, CMG, when he presided at the company's annual meeting held this morning in the Board Room of Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Mr Keswick also disclosed that "considerable progress has been made in regard to plans for new piers," and that the company was waiting to proceed with the construction of a new ferry boat.

In the course of the year under review, said Mr Keswick, the Star Ferry vessels had made a total of 134,400 single crossings, which constituted a record in the history of the company. This had been accomplished without any accident either to ferries or passengers.

Proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr Keswick said:

"Following the decision taken by you at our last yearly meeting, negotiations in regard to our Franchise were resumed with Government and, as stated in the report now before you, a satisfactory agreement in this respect was reached. Full details of the Franchise under which we now operate have been circulated.

It is not therefore necessary for me to elaborate on them. I must, however, express the appreciation of the Company of the manner in which the Government Officials concerned conducted these negotiations with us. As I personally took no part in them I cannot be accused of bias in expressing the opinion that their parties, and reached a fair and agreeable settlement with me in expressing our thanks to my predecessor and those associated with him in the discussions, for their efforts on our behalf. I am sure that we are all pleased to be able to see our way cleared ahead."

I am also glad to be able to report that the considerable progress has been made in regard to plans for the new piers. You will undoubtedly have noted with satisfaction that work on the reclamation which will provide the site for the new Hong Kong pier has commenced.

At the same time the Public Works Department is proceeding with the design for the piers themselves, and we have been invited to collaborate in this work, which is proceeding with the closest possible co-operation between the Director of Public Works and the Officers of the Public Works Department. We hope in a very short time to achieve a mutually agreed design for both sides of the harbour.

As soon as this agreement is reached, we shall be in a position to proceed with construction of a new ferry boat for which, as you are aware, we already have the plan in Hong Kong. Although our existing fleet of six vessels has been maintained in first class condition, it must not be forgotten that with the exception of the Electric Star all our propelling machinery is over 20 years old. As the Chairman pointed out last year, wear and tear on the operation of the speedy service maintained by these craft is high, and it is imperative that our rebuilding programme be put in hand as soon as possible.

38 MILLION PASSENGERS

During the year we carried a total of just under 38 million passengers. Although this was half a million less than the total for the previous year, the daily average was still 104,000 persons, and we actually on one day carried 138,000. It is obvious from these figures that the provision of adequate and up-to-date pier facilities will be a tremendous relief, both to the travelling public and ourselves.

With the usual exception of the period during which the existing piers were under repair, which this year was reduced to 48 days as compared with 48 days last year, the regular schedules during the year were only interrupted once during the approach of a typhoon, and were in fact augmented on several occasions of peak traffic. On these occasions, with all six boats in service, we have been able to maintain a 3½ minute service, which I think is probably unique in any part of the world where a ferry service is operated under conditions approximating ours.

A RECORD

In all, our vessels made a total of 104,400 single crossings during the year; this constitutes a record in our history, and is an increase of nearly 35,000 over the previous year. I am sure you will agree with me that the achievement of this number of crossings with a maximum passenger load, without any accident either to vessels or passengers, reflects great credit on our coxswains and crews, and I take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to them, and to our hard working pier staff, for their loyal and efficient work throughout the year.

Turning to the Accounts themselves, you will note a drop of just over two lakhs in the balance of Working Account which, as stated in the report, is due to increase in the cost of fuel and of maintenance repairs. I am afraid that we must expect further increases in these items.

The Profit and Loss Account contains our first payment of Royalty on the basis of 25% of the net profits while the comparative figures have been amended to show the actual payments made to Government for Royalty and Pier Rents in respect of the year 1950. When our last Statement of Account was presented these payments had not been agreed but were provided for in Contingencies Account in the amount of \$940,000. The subsequent settlement entailed payments of \$600,000 for Royalty and \$168,000 for Pier Rents. This left a balance in hand of \$172,000 which has been re-credited in the Appropriation Account. In that Account the total to be dealt with is \$1,633,567.

SAME DIVIDEND

Your Directors recommend the payment of the same dividend as last year at \$0 per share free of tax, absorbing \$720,000, and a transfer to Reserve of \$200,000. The construction Reserve of \$800,000, from what I have already said regarding the construction of new launches, is obvious and brings this Reserve up to \$2,850,000. Provision for Corporation Profits Tax necessitates the modest sum of \$35,000, as there is a balance in hand of \$124,099 brought forward from last year. Provision had then to be made for the total possible liability due to the indeterminate position in regard to Royalty payments.

In the Balance Sheet few items require special mention. Accounts Receivable have all been settled. Our Share Investments appreciated in value considerably during the year and show a profit over cost of \$230,000. The cash position is satisfactory. On the other side, there is only one item which I should like to explain. The total of Accounts Payable is much higher than usual but this includes the Royalty amounting to \$401,631 which has since been paid.

"EXCELLENT RESULTS"

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, Mr E. Grant Smith said:

I am sure shareholders will join with me in congratulating our Board on the excellent results placed before us to-day, and in particular on the establishment of a realistic franchise.

The figures of passengers carried and harbour crossings compiled are impressive, and I cordially endorse your appreciation of our coxswains and crews as a regular user of the service for many years I should like to endorse your appreciation of our hard working pier staff. They are invariably courteous and helpful under very difficult circumstances, and I know that view is shared by all other regular users.

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Sir Man-kam Lo and Mr H. D. Benham who retired in rotation were re-elected on the proposal of Mr J. Moodie seconded by Mr A. N. Mackenzie.

Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co were appointed auditors for the coming year at a fee of \$5,000 on the motion of Mr J. Moodie seconded by Mr J. M. Alves.

Just prior to the close of the meeting Mr A. Hillily suggested that the Directors should take into consideration in their future plans that the new piers might be constructed to provide both passenger and vehicular services similar to those now in use on the Yau-mut Ferry.

"I am sure," he said, "that this service will be more popular as it cuts the distance to half the time."

Replying, Mr Keswick said that this was a matter which might be discussed with Government.

## Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.05 Children's Half Hour—The Story of Robin Hood (BBC); 6.15 Play by H.K.T. with music by Saunders Part 2: "St. Richard at the Sea, and the Abbot of St. Mary's"; 6.30 Casualty by Radio Hong Kong; 6.45 Organ Solo by Dr. Albert Schweitzer; 7.00 World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 7.15 The Great Caruso; 7.30 A Programme presented by the British Council (Studio); An Anthology of Radio Reminiscences—Part 2: Weather Report; 8.00 The Tenth Muse; 8.15 The Tenth Muse; 8.30 The Tenth Muse; 8.45 The Tenth Muse; 9.00 The Tenth Muse; 9.15 The Tenth Muse; 9.30 The Tenth Muse; 9.45 The Tenth Muse; 10.00 The Tenth Muse; 10.15 The Tenth Muse; 10.30 The Tenth Muse; 10.45 The Tenth Muse; 11.00 The Tenth Muse; 11.15 The Tenth Muse; 11.30 The Tenth Muse; 11.45 The Tenth Muse; 12.00 The Tenth Muse; 12.15 The Tenth Muse; 12.30 The Tenth Muse; 12.45 The Tenth Muse; 1.00 The Tenth Muse; 1.15 The Tenth Muse; 1.30 The Tenth Muse; 1.45 The Tenth Muse; 2.00 The Tenth Muse; 2.15 The Tenth Muse; 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